

**Table 7-18. AFDC and TANF Cash Assistance Recipient Adults, By Race/Ethnicity, Selected Years, FY1988 – FY2009**

	1988	1994	2001	2009
Numbers (in thousands)				
Total	3,765,301	4,610,033	1,561,475	1,048,030
White/Nonhispanic	1,568,516	1,870,148	508,282	366,858
African American/Nonhispanic	1,394,916	1,559,041	556,451	352,965
Hispanic	573,889	862,272	363,905	254,226
Other or multi-racial	160,731	229,384	118,985	58,460
Unknown	67,249	89,188	13,853	15,520
Percent of all adult recipients				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White/Nonhispanic	41.7	40.6	32.6	35.0
African American/Nonhispanic	37.0	33.8	35.6	33.7
Hispanic	15.2	18.7	23.3	24.3
Other or multi-racial	4.3	5.0	7.6	5.6
Unknown	1.8	1.9	0.9	1.5

**Source:** Congressional Research Service (CRS) tabulations of the FY1988 and FY1994 AFDC Quality Control Files and the FY2001 and FY2009 TANF National Data Files.

**Notes:** For FY2001 and FY2009, TANF cash assistance families include those whose benefits were paid by “separate state programs” funded with TANF maintenance of effort (MOE) dollars.